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Dear Mr. Arizumi:

This letter is to clarify the discussions that we have had with you and Maui County on the construction of new injection wells at the Lahaina Wastewater Reclamation Facility.

- We cannot approve or disapprove new injection wells without the information supplied by a permit application.
- Maui County has asked for an EPA UIC permit application for new injection wells and we have provided them with one.
- Once we review Maui County's permit application, we will be able to make a decision on the suitability of new injection wells.
- We will coordinate our review of the permit application with your UIC staff to minimize duplication of efforts.

We recognize your agency's requirements of: 1) backup capacity whether it is in the form of injection wells or reservoirs, and 2) flow limits based on the capacity of the facility. We also recognized the conditions of the EPA construction grant that was given to Maui County. From our discussions and your earlier correspondence, it appears that we have the mutual goals of: 1) protecting underground sources of drinking water; 2) promoting reclamation; and 3) preventing the endangerment of human health from overflows.

If you want to discuss this matter further, please call me
at (415) 744-1817.

Sincerely,

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